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THE LAND CAN SURE TAKE IT

I am 22,193.48 acres of land more or less. I know that point 48 is right because the government surveyors say it is. Maybe you're interested in knowing why the government had anything to do with surveying me. Maybe you're not, but anyhow I think it's worth telling, so here goes and it's a long story.

About 25 years ago I belonged to one of those timber barons and was overgrown with a beautiful stand of pine. At least that's what I'm told. It's so long ago now that I kinda forget. But this timber baron wasn't satisfied to see all those pretty green trees dotting my surface, so he started cutting 'em down and before long I was only a vast expanse of unsightly stumps and messy brush. Of course the timber baron now lost all interest in me for my tall pines had been converted into jingling coins in his pockets.

I now became a subject of gross neglect, and my owner was not at all concerned when a careless rabbit hunter dropped the match that started the conflagration. Boy, was I hot! Old demon fire was not satisfied with burning all the brush and young sprouts off of my hide but kept agoing 'till he did the same for some of my neighbors. What a mess that left! Not like the brushy conglomeration that covered me before the fire. Now as far as one would care to walk not a single blade of grass or sprouting pine would impede his progress. And that's

exactly what the falling rains found out. No sooner did the splashing drops contact my mineral soil than they started pell-mell for the closest depression and 'fore long they had not far to go. My once fair face was lined and wrinkled like an old maid disappointed in love.

Well, I won't go into the dismal details too much. I won't tell you how I managed to start a cover crop or two and tried to hide the ugly scars, only to have the all-consuming fire engulf me until at last I gave up all hope and left my poor old barren soil exposed to sun and rain.

I hadn't seen my owner for many years until one day I felt him walking about (somewhat slow and feeble now), accompanied by a young man in an ill-fitting greenish-colored outfit. I heard them talking about purchase units and cut-over land and "burned to the mineral soil" and tax delinquencies. I heard them discussing acreages and dollars and options and other queer-sounding terms. I became bewildered.

Next I knew, some more of those green-clad youngsters tramped over me hither and yon and I heard talk of strip mapping and timber types and by paying close attention I deduced that they were making a map of my 20,000 acres (be the same more or less). I was even more bewildered but I found that this was only the beginning. Soon another troop of boys equipped with three-legged instruments and "rods" and "tapes" began their peregrinations and from their discussions I gathered that they were setting control points for aerial pictures. "Aha," I thought, "At last someone is interested enough to make pictures of my poor mistreated self. I wonder what's up now?" Ere long I heard the droning noise of a winged monster flying back and forth, back and forth, but well up and out of reach.

I understand that that monster took pictures of my entire area and some of that adjoining, and that the last group of young and ambitious "surveyors" had taken those pictures and in combination with my control points were making more maps of my expanse. I wondered now why all this fuss was going on over poor me who had lain neglected for, lo, these many years.

But the secret soon came out and one day I heard that I grossed 22,193.48 acres and that my owner (by the way, did I tell you that my timber baron had now deceased and all of his interests had been taken over by his only son and heir) had contracted to sell to, of all persons, Uncle Sam, for the measly pittance of 2 point 25 per acre. Me who had at one time supported on my bosom noble, majestic pines, each one of which was valued more than now I drew per acre. The shame of it!

The deal was closed, my impulsive young owner put the cash in pocket and himself and bride aboard a steamer for a world-wide cruise. And now I belonged to Uncle Sam and hope grew within me that my new boss would treat me better far than had the other. "What," thought I, "can be in store for me?"

My suspense was short. I heard mumblings of a "New Deal" in a place called Washington and soon more uniformed men were tramping all about. I heard talk of "Army" and "CCC" and quicker than quick a great "to-do" was started at two far-separated spots upon my worn-out soil. Many buildings sprang up and first thing I knew 200 boys of tender age and queer assortment were housed at each of these two "CCC Camps." Once more I learned that this was only a start. Dump trucks and tractors, graders and more tractors were hauled in and stacked hither and yon - all bright and shiny with green paint and yellow paint. Confusion reigned supreme. They tore me up and smoothed me out and first thing I knew I was grid-ironed with roads and roads and more roads. Just why so many I could not determine, but guess they must have needed work for those 400 boys!

Then something rather startling happened. Some disgruntled native, peeved because the CCC kids were depriving him of work, set fire to a grassy area in an isolated spot. In about a quarter hour some 150 boys were raking and hoeing and flapping with those queer-looking squares of rubber on a stick and scarcely had the surprised native returned to his humble home before the fire was completely subdued. Did I chuckle? Or did I?

You know, I got to liking those CCC boys "right smart." They were here, there and everywhere and now that they have been here four or five years wonders have happened to my 20,000 acres. They have built a lake where country folk and city folk enjoy a cooling swim; they have healed the old erosion scars and prevented new ones from forming; they have kept the fires down and out; they have planted trees by the thousands and of course they continued to build roads. You know, right now, as far as one can see there are green trees a-growing - some of these are little fellows only knee high but others are higher than can be reached by that long, lanky Ranger that seems to have so much to say about the goings-on around these parts.

I rather like my new boss. I have even grown to like those funny-looking green "uniforms" his hirelings wear and I am going to reward them all by putting on a timber sale that will bring in a revenue that will help at least a little toward maintaining some of those miles of roads.

Can the land take it? I'll say it can - and how!

-- Geo. W. Root, Regional Office

WHO SAYS LAND EXCHANGES WON'T WORK?

The J. J. Dominick exchange case on the Sumter involved the acquisition of 234.4 acres of land in exchange for \$1,572 worth of timber. Have a look at this:

Offer signed by proponent	Oct. 19, 1939.
Case approved Atlanta and sent to Washington	Oct. 31, 1939.
Approved by Commission	Dec. 12, 1939.
Abstract submitted, preliminary	Nov. 24, 1939.
Abstract submitt, final	Apr. 13, 1940.
Notice of title acceptance received in regional office	May 13, 1940.
Check mailed	May 20, 1940.

Total elapsed time, seven months and one day.

This breaks no speed limit but beats the average purchase case.

-- P. J. Paxton  
Regional Office

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What Goes on Between the South  
Carolina and Florida

In the October issue of the Dixie Ranger the Florida National Forests, through Assistant Forester Henneberger, challenged South Carolina National Forests to post a record for placing a tripartite exchange case under administration. The thirteen month (July 12, 1937, to October 19, 1938, calculate it for yourself) record has been left far in the rear, as South Carolina places its second tripartite exchange case under administration. The agreement was entered into on October 19, 1939; approved by the National Forest Reservation Commission on December 12, 1939, and payment made on May 20, 1940, a period of seven months, one day. This case involves 262 acres and \$1572 worth of timber. No special difficulties were encountered, but the case waited its turn for handling by our Abstractors and Surveyors.

If Florida can boast a record better than seven months, one day, they had better hurry up, because South Carolina has four more tripartite exchange cases, involving 2876 acres and \$13,000-worth of timber on the way.

-- Ivo W. Miller, South Carolina

## MISSISSIPPI LIKES THE SMALL EXHIBITS

The small I & E brush-burning exhibit (silhouette of farmers and guarded fire) now in use on the Holly Springs seems to fill a need for a window display on this forest. It is small, novel, and attractive enough that small town merchants and bankers are anxious to donate the necessary display space, which heretofore they objected to giving because exhibits were so large there was no room for displaying their merchandise on either side. This smaller display fits into the merchants' wishes to a "T".

When the exhibit is properly placed in the window so that the shadows fall in the right direction for 4 p.m., it not only attracts the attention of the local farmer but strikes a strong note of reality.

Another outstanding feature of this exhibit is that it is not time-consuming; the time required for setting up and taking down the exhibit is practically nil, and moving from place to place may be done while carrying out regular duties, thus covering a larger field of prospective brush-burners.

It is believed that we need more of this type of display as it is sure to reach many more people than will the larger, more complicated display.

-- T. L. Murphy,  
Assistant to Technician,  
Mississippi.

## TRAINING SCHOOL IN SAW FILING ON THE OZARK NATIONAL FOREST

A school in saw filing at CCC Camp F-9, Cass, Arkansas, was conducted May 6-11 by Mr. Ervin White, Simonds Saw and Steel Company representative, assisted by Frank M. Alder, Ozark training officer. Throughout the course there were eight students, representatives of the seven camps of the Ozark National Forest, six project assistants, one squad foreman, and one junior assistant to technician.

Each student brought with him five cross-cut saws and a set of saw tools. On the first day, filing racks were built and a close examination, classification, and an inventory of all filing tools were

made. These were found to be of several different makes and of such poor quality that Mr. White finally brought in his own tools. He furnished seven-inch special Simonds saw files, and insisted that the camps standardize with the best tools, in order to keep the saws in proper condition. On the second day, each student was started off on the four-point method. Mr. White went from one end of the filing racks to the other, checking on the work outlined, after which he would explain and demonstrate the next step - and so on until the saw was completed. Most of the students had filed saws before but after observing the method presented they decided that theirs was not up-to-date and that they would start all over again, using Mr. White's method.

The third day was spent in conditioning cross-cut saws and at the end of this time four Simonds saws had been conditioned by each student. On the fourth day of the training session, each student was given a test to determine the effectiveness of the training given, and to determine whether or not they were capable of teaching new men in saw filing. The fifth day was devoted to sawing in the woods, and correcting defects or errors in the saws filed. At this time Mr. White showed the students how to take kinks out of saws.

At the conclusion of the school a plan of training saw filers in the camps was presented and discussed with the students. Mr. White suggested that not over four enrollees be included in the first school and that the length of class periods be not less than four hours. It was agreed that the first students trained would be the leaders and assistant leaders in charge of saw crews. The knowledge they gain will enable them to point out the necessity for keeping the saws out of the ground and rocks, and for avoiding pinching, kinking, etc. There was no expense attached to this course of instruction as Mr. White's expenses were paid by the Simonds Saw and Steel Company. With the knowledge gained in this school, it is believed that the efficiency of the saw work on the Ozark will be increased 50% and that the cost of saws, files, and time in filing will be cut 50 per cent. Many of the enrollees who go through this training course will be prepared for jobs in the timber industry after their discharge from the CCC.

-- Frank M. Alder  
Ozark

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The regret and sympathy of the Region is extended to Assistant Regional Forester Shaw of the Division of Timber Management, whose mother, Mrs. Esther B. Shaw of Bay Shore, New York, died on June 3.

## GOOD USE OF RECREATION MAPS

Copy of a letter received by Ranger Fred Ames on the Ozark caught our attention as it contained a boost for the Forest Service from a timber sale operator and conveyed a new idea in the use of informational material.

The letter, which appears below, was signed by W. E. Tiller of J. A. Tiller and Son, Inc., at Little Rock, and referred to a supply of the Ozark recreation map folder sent him by Ranger Ames.

"Dear Fred:

"I enjoyed reading the enclosed article very much. Thanks a lot.

"We are using the little folders that you gave me on the Ozark Forest as mailing pieces to some of our out-of-town customers. We have received several favorable comments.

"With kindest personal regards."

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## HOME STATE BOY MAKES GOOD

Under its column "News About People," the Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, Arkansas, of May 27 carried an item on W. M. Gordon's transfer from the regional office of the U. S. Forest Service, Atlanta, Georgia, to his home state of Arkansas, where he went to take over as Forest Engineer on the Ozark. He seems also to be serving as ambassador-at-large in "selling the Ozark." To quote the Gazette: "Proud that he is an Arkansan, Mr. Gordon would like to see his native state attract more and more tourists as her natural playgrounds are opened to the public and made known to the world. While the Forest Service is concerned primarily with timber-growing and producing, it is also interested in providing recreational opportunities for people who like nature and the great out-of-doors. The Ozark National Forest is unexcelled in the South for its natural, rugged scenery and recreational possibilities."

(Ed. Note: Hurrah for our side.. Madison, we're glad you're on our team!)

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## FLAG DAY

June 14 is observed throughout the nation as Flag Day and in times like these much could be written around a theme that easily stirs men's emotions. There is a temptation in the air to think big, perhaps in an attempt to grasp problems involving millions of different people. The big problems, however, may give us a new sense of the importance of little things that make up the warm moments in the great loneliness of Life. Some one has said that there is too much bigness that isn't bigness at all. Perhaps there are too many empty words in use. Anyway, this says all that needs to be written:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation Indivisible, with Liberty, and Justice for all."

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## THE FLORIDA ASKED FOR IT

Mayer, in the April issue of the Dixie Ranger, invited an argument. Judging from the chatter overheard on the Francis Marion, that Forest will give him battle on his chosen ground; namely, stumpage prices. The South Carolina invites the Florida (represented by Mayer) out on a second limb, labeled "Accuracy."

Recently the Sumter made a small sale of "roofer" pine on the basis of tree measurement. Subsequently, every derived log was check-scaled. (Hold your hat, Mayer, here we come!) The estimate was 3.2% low in gross volume and 3.4% low in net. 5% had been allowed for cull; 4.8% was scaled out. Overrun was computed as 4.9%; the purchaser realized 6.7%. 90.9% of the lumber to be obtained was computed to fall in widths of 1 x 6 and wider. The purchaser realized 90.2% in these widths. (The average obtained in clear cutting similar stands in the locality is roughly 67%.) To silence the voicing of any dark suspicion, the scale book was safely in the Supervisor's file, rather than the check scaler's pocket.

There is your limb, Mayer. You are invited to climb out or saw it off.

--- Norman R. Hawley,  
Assistant Forester,  
South Carolina.

NEW FOREST FIRE PREVENTION STAMPS ISSUED

A million new poster stamps, designed to bring about greater public cooperation in forest fire prevention, have been issued by the American Forestry Association. The new stamp is in three colors, and depicts the destruction of property, both timber and real, by a forest fire. It carries the slogan "Keep Your Country Growing - Not Burning." The stamps are available at \$1 a sheet for 100 stamps - and may be obtained by writing the American Forestry Association, 919 17th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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NATIONAL FOREST RESERVATION COMMISSION APPROVES  
PURCHASE OF 132,217 ACRES FOR NATIONAL FORESTS IN 25 STATES

This land will become part of 51 of the 196 National Forests and Purchase Units, and the total purchase price was \$601,740. The purpose of increasing and strengthening sustained yield management in the various forests figured in a number of purchases approved by the Commission. One of the five parcels containing 2,414 acres approved for the Cherokee National Forest in Tennessee maintains a stand of 4,565,000 board feet suitable for effective sustained yield management.

Other units in which purchases were approved, and where timber to aid in sustained yield operations was a particular consideration, were the Black Warrior of Alabama where part of 951 acres contains 1,756,000 board feet, mainly pine, poplar, oak, red gum, and ash; the Ocala in Florida where 17 of 21 parcels aggregating 2,050 acres contain long leaf and slash pine sawtimber; the Osceola in Florida where 120 acres approved contain 104,000 feet of sawtimber together with a number of turpentine producing trees; the Conecuh in Alabama where part of 4,409 acres approved for purchase maintains 2,000,000 board feet of sawtimber plus other forest products; also, the Ouachita in Arkansas and Oklahoma.

The National Forest Reservation Commission voted to extend the boundaries of the Kisatchie Purchase Unit in the parishes of Rapides, Natchitoches, and Sabine in Louisiana, to include 397,000 acres of lands that once supported magnificent stands of longleaf pine and thriving forest industries and towns. It is proposed that through public acquisition and replanting the forests be restored to meet the needs of the people for industrial and employment opportunities.

The Commission also approved purchase of 1,300 acres in the Pisgah Unit in North Carolina needed for the consolidation and control

of the Daniel Boone Wildlife area, and 4,562 acres in the Talladega Unit which blocks into public ownership about 96 per cent. of the lands needed to fully consolidate the Oakmulgee Wildlife Area near Brent, Alabama.

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THE FAMILY ALBUM

TO MARY - WITH LOVE

Memo From A Columnist's Girl Friday:

Dear C.P.: While you've been snooping and poking around in the region, orchids and bravos have been coming in for Mary Hamme from the folks who are mixing regrets with their congratulations over Mary's gain and our loss in her transfer to the personnel management department of the Chief's office. (I hope you read the last issue of the D.R. and saw that this bit of news was listed in personnel changes which barely got under the wire as we went to press.) Anyway, a lot of people did read it we know, because they've stopped in to mention it. And one old friend who was one of the advance column that came down to organize and do the "trouble shooting" when the Region was established had something like this to say:

"When R-8 was organized July 1, 1934, Mary Hamme was one of the charter members of the organization. She took her place at the desk in the reception room that separated the big boss from the assistant big boss, and there she stayed until for some mysterious reason she up and left. How could she do that to us?

"To many of us Mary is an 'auld acquaintance' and as such she cannot 'be forgot'. During the strenuous times incident to the establishment of the new region, she performed yeoman service with valor. She interviewed applicants for work; she listened with a sympathetic ear to many a tale of woe from within and without the service and smoothed over the troubled waters; she received important visitors and messages and kept the long-distance callers cooled off until the final connection was made.

"Mary had had a varied service with the Forest Service, and this background further contributed to her usefulness to the new region - and another thing, she was thoroughly in accord with the boss's idea of getting things done without making a noise about it.

"Our only consolation over her departure is the belief that her new work carries with it greater responsibilities and the consequent increase in remuneration. So, loving wishes for the best of everything in your new job, Mary Hamme, from all of us, and particularly those of us who came with you from Region 7 and saw you leave too soon."

MECHANIC'S SCHOOL - PISGAH NATIONAL FOREST

Through the cooperation of the State Vocational Instructor, a training course, consisting of twenty lessons for mechanics, has been completed at the Pisgah Central Repair Shop.

Instructors, furnished and paid by the State Board for Vocational Education, made available from Federal and State sources, held two classes per week in the evenings, for a period of from 1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours each, on engines, electrical systems, brakes, carburetors, differentials, oxy-acetylene welding, and body and fender repairs.

Volunteer attendance throughout the course averaged fourteen men. These men displayed much interest, and are looking forward to a similar course contemplated for this fall.

The benefits of this course are now being reflected in the Central Repair Shop.

-- J. G. Siler,  
Improvement Superintendent.

ANOTHER BIG TREE

Who says there is no timber on the Grandfather District? A poplar tree recently scaled had seventy-two feet of merchantable length and 6,160 board feet of merchantable timber. Now, who has the record?

-- George C. Hoffman,  
District Ranger,  
Pisgah

THEY STILL ARGUE SALES FIGURES

We, of the Francis Marion, concede that \$17.00 per M for pine, even for a 5 M sale, is fine going - BUT - claiming a record for the Forest Service covers too much territory and we must raise our voice in self defense.

Our records on the Francis Marion show, that on June 1939 over 29 M of Longleaf and Loblolly pine was sold for \$17.10 per M. The

difference between \$17 and \$17.10 is infinitesimal, but it does give us a legitimate claim to topping the Florida figure.

Profiting by the experience of our Florida friends, we hesitate to claim this figure a record-breaker, lest we unwittingly stick our necks out to an axe marked \$17.11 per M.

-- Charles X. Grano,  
Junior Forester.

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#### IMPROVED ACQUISITION TITLE WORK CONTINUES

The marked improvement in the handling of the title work in connection with our acquisition cases apparently has not been just a "flash in the pan." In days gone by the great delays in completing title work after a tract was approved was a serious handicap to the forest in optioning land. We have no such alibi to rest on at the present time.

Two large Florida cases have just been completed in what we consider very good time. The Winston tract on the Choctawhatchee having a combined acreage of 3600.20 acres was optioned December 2, 1939, approved December 12, 1939, and the vendors received their payment May 31, 1940. The elapsed time from the date of approval was five months and seventeen days.

The Parker tract on the Apalachicola Forest, having a combined acreage of 7,950.76 acres, was optioned November 16, 1939, approved December 12, 1939, and the vendors received their payment May 17, 1940. The elapsed time from the date of approval was five months and five days.

This, in the light of past history, is very excellent performance and the vendors in each case are entirely satisfied. This excellent work has been in effect for more than a year, and indicates that the title organization is well organized and functioning smoothly. The Florida Forest takes this opportunity to compliment the Regional Office and others connected with this work in their successful efforts to remove obstacles for the orderly progress of acquisition work in the field.

--- Frank A. Albert,  
Forest Supervisor.

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## THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FORESTRY PARTY

A grand time was had by all who attended the Forest Service party the week-end of May 18 that signalized the opening of Wahsega Organization Camp, nearing completion on the Chattahoochee. From the opening whistle by Master of Ceremonies, Clint Johnson, to the reluctant breakup and packup Sunday afternoon, there was an unbroken melody of play and relaxation.

The dinner and dance in the new dining hall on Saturday evening were attended by 130 of the Chattahoochee personnel, their families and friends. Following a substantial breakfast on Sunday morning, the day was impressively begun by a simple church service in the amphitheater. After songs and prayer, Claude C. Boynton delivered a brief but stirring message.

Sports informally indulged in were hiking, fishing, softball, pistol-shooting, archery, dancing, of course, and just plain loafing. A score or so of the hardier souls took brief, chattering plunges in the pool from which they emerged declaiming and shivering. Every conceivable kind and style of sports dress were in evidence - everything from overalls to riding habits, which made it all very colorful. The eats were swell and sufficient. The eighty-odd who spent the crisp night in the squad cabins were glad for their heavy blankets.

The highlight of the week-end was the world premiere showing in the amphitheater Saturday evening of the new Forest Service motion picture, "Four Thousand Gifts of the Forest," in dufay color and sound, preceded by the picture, "The Tree of Life." Prominent guests who were called on for brief talks were District Director Galloway of the S.C.S., Gainesville; Postmaster Carter of Gainesville; Lieut. Howell, Project Superintendent of CCC Camp F-9; and Lieut. McCartney, Commanding Officer of CCC Camp F-1. Pep talks were given by Assistant Supervisor McKinley and Rangers Woody and Ennis. To Mrs. Loflin goes much of the credit for promoting and arranging the party and a bouquet to Clint Johnson for his splendid and spirited conduct of events.

The regional office was represented by the Reinsmiths, the Hermeses, and Clint Davis who brought as his guest, Frank Shaw, Secretary, Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

Much praise was heard of the beautiful setting and the splendid appointments of the camp. As explained to the assemblage by Supervisor Fisher in his welcoming remarks, Camp Wahsega, now over 75% complete, is being developed for use by organizations of all kinds, of which Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, Y. M. C. A., and the like, are typical. Preference is being given to organizations of boys and girls

from low income groups. When completed, the camp will accommodate up to 120 campers and overhead personnel, and is booked solidly from May 28 well into August.

Through the medium of this friendly party, the work and message of the Forest Service was brought home forcefully and pleasingly to many of our friends in and outside the government service.

--- W. H. Reinsmith,  
Regional Office.

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#### REGIONAL CONCRETE SCHOOL

Improvement superintendents, engineers, a CCC foreman, and a project superintendent pulled into Talladega, Alabama, and the Purefoy Hotel to attend a course in concrete from May 20 through May 25. Each forest and one State unit (Mississippi) were represented.

Sessions were held in the upstairs room of the Ranger's office and at the heavily loaded tables of the Purefoy. Members began to groan and complain of too much good food before the first day was over!

Walt May of the Regional Office started the school off and handled the training part of the program. The remainder of the teaching load fell upon the capable shoulders of Woody Warren of the Regional Office and Mr. D. L. Chaney of the Portland Cement Association. By diagram, demonstration, and other techniques these instructors explained the designing, mixing, placing, and curing of concrete to produce strength, economy, and durability. By practice, quizzes, and the working of problems the trainees absorbed a wealth of information.

To break the monotony of training sessions and eating, a field trip was taken through the Talladega National Forest. The entire group, under the guidance of District Ranger Spring, visited the newly completed Chinabee Dam and a section of the Skyway Drive.

The information received by forest representatives attending this session will be passed on to construction foremen and others who have to do with concrete and should greatly improve such work throughout the Region.

-- Grady Siler,  
Pisgah

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## PERSONNEL CHANGES

Frank D. Mayfield has been transferred from the NEFE to the Ouachita, where he is engaged as Under Scaler on the Womble Ranger District.

Merritt T. Hardy recently resigned his position as Junior Clerk on the Oakmulgee District of the Alabama to accept a position with the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Florida.

Announcement is made of the following changes, effective June 16, on the Pisgah: George C. Hoffman will transfer from the Grandfather to the Croatan, while Edwin M. Manchester will go from the Croatan to the Grandfather.

Minor Assistant to Technician Howard G. Spears has resigned from his position on the Sylamore Ranger District of the Ozark to accept commercial employment.

Paul A. Swarthout, formerly Ranger in charge of the Osceola District of the Florida, has been transferred to the Southern Forest Experiment Station, with official headquarters at Auburn, Alabama. He is succeeded on the Osceola by Donald J. Morriss.

Charlie W. Wilson, Junior Forest Game Warden on the Pisgah, was retired recently because of disability.

Minor Assistant to Technician W. LeRoy Anderson has resigned from his position with the Georgia State CCC.

The following intra-unit changes have been effected:

South Carolina NFs - Junior Landscape Architect Walter D. Popham from the Enoree to the Long Cane RD.

Ouachita NF - Arvle Lewis, Foreman, from the Fourche to the Oden RD; and Junior Landscape Architect Clayton J. Foster from the Womble to the Kiamichi RD.

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## THE LOOKOUT

Regional Forester Kircher attended the U. S. Department of Agriculture Club meeting at the New Federal Building in Atlanta on May 14; also the Georgia Forestry Association meeting at the Piedmont Hotel, Atlanta, on May 16.

Hotel Black, Oklahoma City, advises that it has enjoyed a fine business from U. S. Government employees since its opening. In appreciation of this business, this hotel is offering special rates to Government employees of \$2 for a \$2.50 room, \$2.50 for a \$3 room, with comparable reduction on double rates and suites.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Evan Worth Hadley of Puerto Rico on the birth of a son, Harper Higgins Hadley, May 11, 1940!

The Division of Operation reports the marriage of Miss Elizabeth H. Balzen to Mr. J. F. Loch. Congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Loch

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Recent office visitors were:

Washington office: Fred Stell  
E. E. Carter  
W. R. Chapline  
G. R. Salmond

Field: Director Demmon, Southern Forest Experiment Station  
P. J. Ceremello, Southern Forest Experiment Station  
Director McArdle, Appalachian Forest Exp. Station  
Supervisor Bosworth, Pisgah National Forest

Out-of-town visitors to S & PF recently:

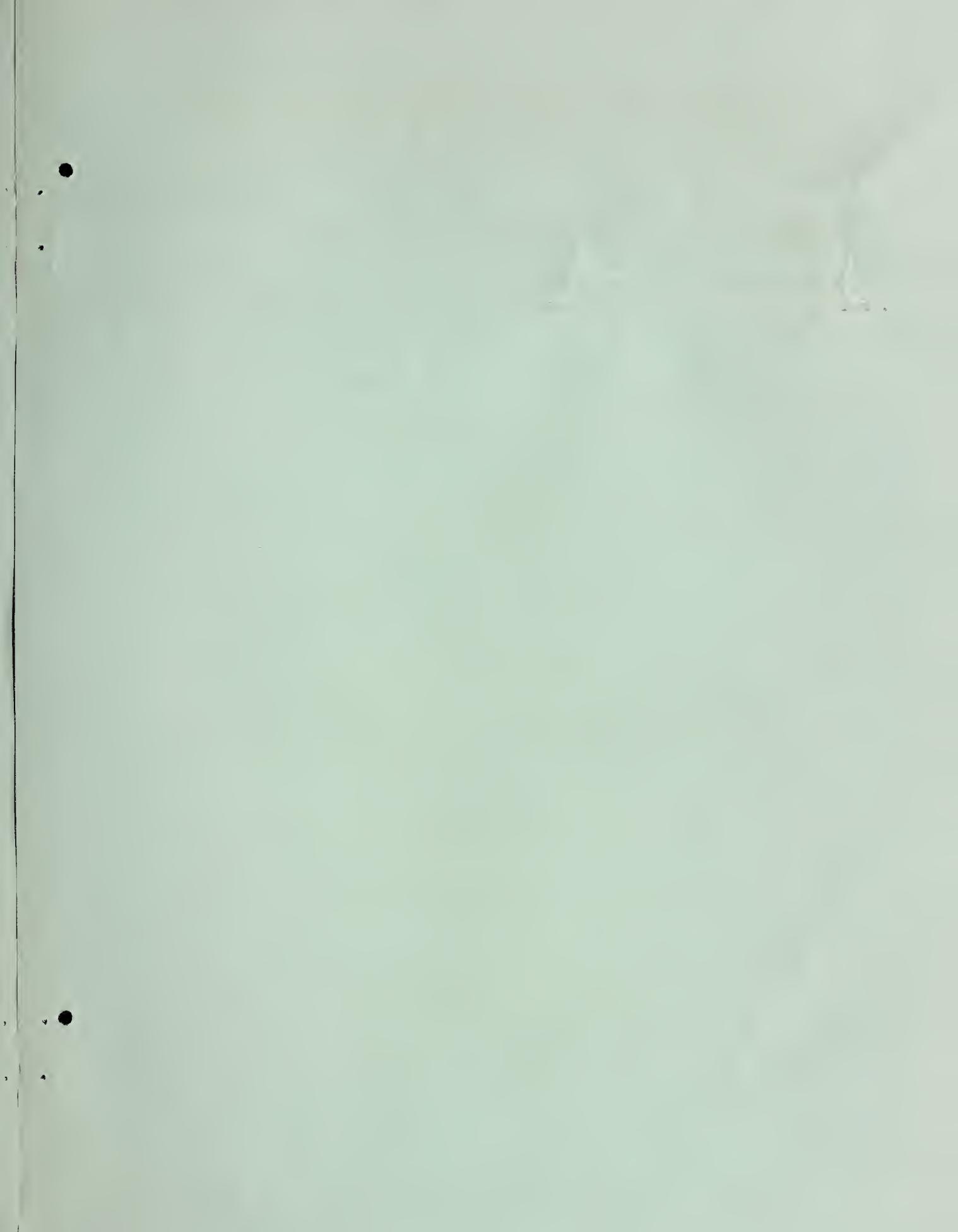
R. M. Stiles, President, United Farmers of Georgia.  
T. W. Webb, Soil Conservation Service, Spartanburg, S. C.  
J. S. Taylor, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Athens, Ga.  
C. A. Gillett, Seaboard Railway, Norfolk, Va.  
C. J. Buck )  
A. B. Hastings) - Washington Office  
Brooks Toler )  
E. M. Harkins) - Division of Forestry, Montgomery, Ala.  
Fred Lang, State Forester, Little Rock, Ark.

Mr. A. A. Grumbine from the Cherokee National Forest is on detail in the Regional Office working on timber surveys and management plans.

FOR RANGERS ONLY

How's about your contribution for the July issue of the D.R.?

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